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- REMARKS -

Claims 4 and 21 have been cancelled, not to avoid any reference, but rather to expedite prosecution and Applicants maintain their claim to any and all equivalents of the uncanceled claims.

A. Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as nonstatutory

The §101 rejection of claims 1 and 4 has been obviated by amendments in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion with respect to claim 1 and cancellation of claim 4. Withdrawal of the §101 rejections to claims 1 and 4 is requested.

B. Claims 15, 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as nonstatutory

The §112 rejection of claims 15, 19 and 21 has been obviated by amendments in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion with respect to claims 15 and 19, and cancellation of claim 21. Withdrawal of the §101 rejections to claims 15, 19 and 21 is requested.

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C. Claims 1, 4, and 21 were rejected as anticipated by Ellesson

The §102(e) rejection of claim 1, 4, and 21 as anticipated by Ellesson is traversed. Anticipation requires that the reference disclose each element of the claims in as great detail as claimed. Since Ellesson does not disclose operating a directory service provider server to perform a data manipulation within a master directory database as claimed in claim 1, this rejection must fall.

Ellesson, at most discloses that a directory service provider server (i.e. directory server 103) notifies a third party on a specified event, but Ellesson does not disclose operating a directory service provider server to perform a data manipulation within a master directory database. See, Ellesson column 4, lines 49-54 as cited by the Examiner.

Claim 4 has been cancelled, and its subject matter incorporated into claim 5 that formerly depended from claim 4.

Claim 21 has been cancelled, and its subject matter incorporated in dependent claims 22 and 26.

Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 4, and 21 is requested.

D. Allowable claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the noted allowability of claims 2-3, 5, and 22-26.

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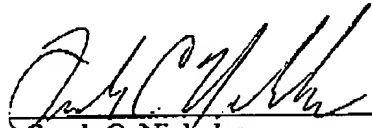
CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5, 15, 19, and 22-26 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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